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This JAMES METCALF'S children were REGINALD, who married a Thornton of Thornton; BRIAN; MYLES, who was in Parliament from York, in 1478; THOMAS, who was Chancellor of the Kingdom under Edw. IV., and Richard III; JOAN, who married Marmaduke, Constable of Cliff; and CICELY, who died in 1502, Prioress of Marrich.

On account of their adherence to the House of York, and Richard III. MYLES METCALF, Recorder, and his brother, the Chancellor were expressly excepted from the pardon granted in 1485, by Henry VII. But they were afterwards pardoned and restored to office. MYLES METCALF died Feb. 25, 1494, and was buried in the Minster of York with the inscription:

"— Hic jacet MILS METCALF, quondam recordator istius civitatis, ac etiam sinus justiciarius dom. regis apud Lancaster, qui obiit XXV die mensis Februarii, ann. Dom. 1494. Cujus anime propitietus Deus. Amen."

These Yorkshire METCALFS were always zealous Catholics. BRYAN METCALF of BEARE PARK, Wensleydale, was the BRYAN of BEARE, champion in the story of the Pelon Sow of Rokeby, according to Whittaker's History and Sir Walter Scott's "Rokeby." Beare Park, Marrich, Wensleydale, was long a residence of the METCALFS till it was confiscated in 1543, under Henry VIII's suppression of monasteries.

THOMAS METCALF, the other brother, was Privy Councillor in 1460, under Henry VI, and Chancellor of Lancaster, under Richard III. This THOMAS METCALF was described in Leland's Chronicles "a great officer as a Steward, survier, or receiver of landes whereby he waxed riche, and did builde and purchase. He made additions to Nappay Hall, in which two towers be very fair, besides other logginges." He adds that "Knappay and other places thereabout be able make a three hundred men in very known consanguinitie of the METCALFES.

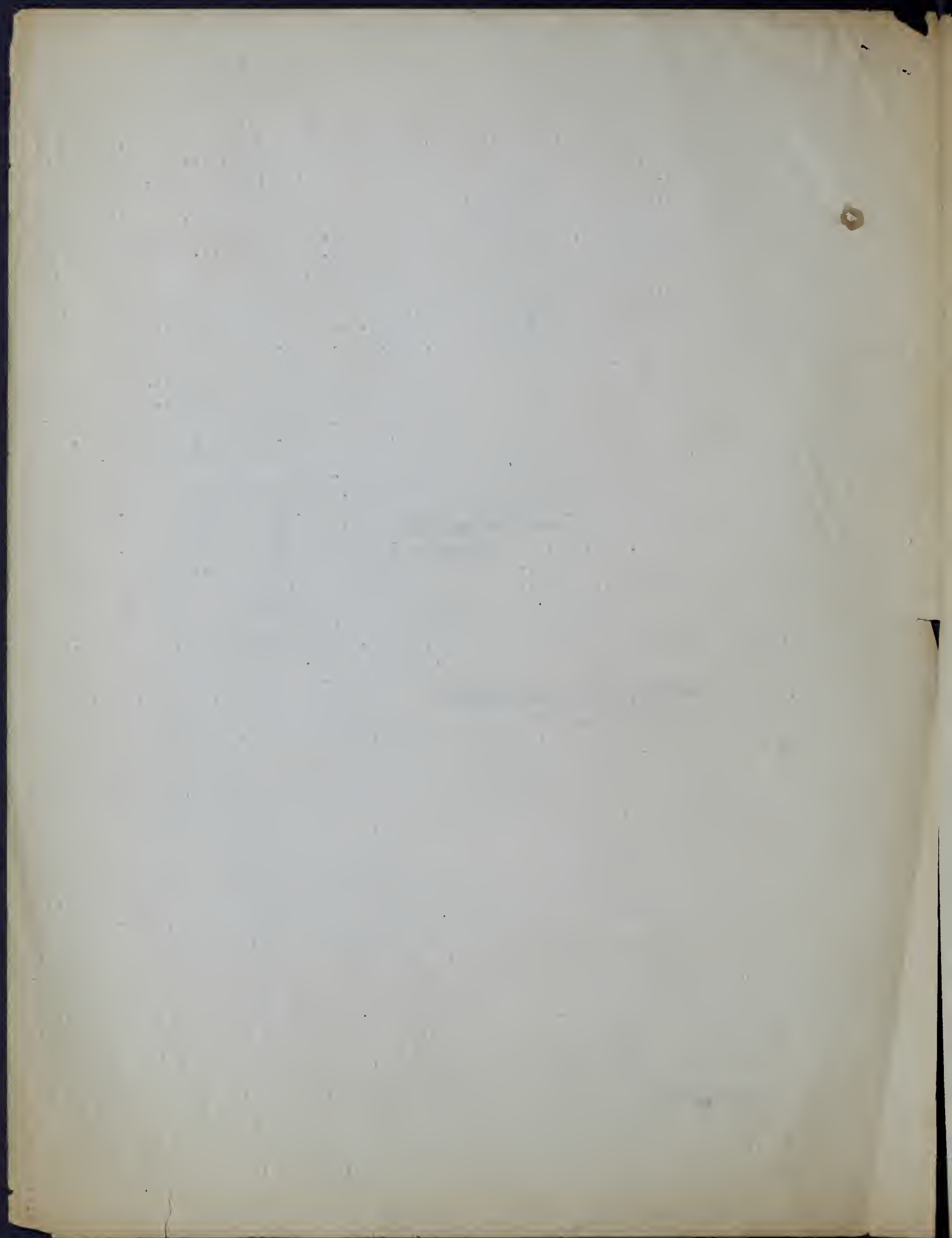
15. This THOMAS METCALF with his brothers, MYLES, REGINALD and BRYAN, with JOAN, wife of Marmaduke, and CICELY, the Prioress, are called the fifteenth (15th) generation from the Dame ARKEFRITH.

33. WILLIAM METCALF, ~~of York, England~~ who married Anne Mainwood, May 21, 1657, is called the thirty-third from ARKEFRITH.

39. WILLIAM MAINWOOD METCALF, of York, England, born in 1839, claims to be the thirty-ninth from ARKEFRITH.

But our American METCALFS are descended from BRIAN, of Beare Park, the third son of JAMES METCALF of Nappay, who married Johanna of Boughton. Their sons were RICHARD, LEONARD, NICHOLAS and ROGER. LEONARD married a Thursby, and left children, LEONARD, VINCENT, GODFREY, and ALBROSE.

LEONARD METCALF of BEARE PARK, in 1569, joined the Rising in the North, in the interest of Mary, Queen of Scots. He was condemned and attainted and narrowly escaped the scaffold. His name is first in the list of "Gentlemen prisoners in Carlisle, Dec., 1569." His name is in the list of prisoners taken to Durham Castle, Jan., 1570. Eleven of them were indicted for "conspiracy of Treason and Rebellion", and all were condemned to die. Four were executed at once at York. The other seven were "stayed for the second execution", or until the Queen's pleasure; and it was represented to the Queen that LEONARD METCALFE rose because the Earl of Northumberland did, and also that he had made ~~xxx~~ state of his lands to his wife, so that by his life the Queen should have his lands, while by his death his wife should have them, so that the Queen should win by his life; and lose by his death; and further that he had been taken for a very quiet, honest gentleman, and that he was generally lamented. The Queen's reply expressed her willingness to spare the lives of three but "for the four, METCALFE, Lambert, Claxton and Conyers we think it good that some furdre example be showed and we refer the same to your own judgment." But the commissioners did not accept the discretion thus given to them; and in Apr. 5, the Earl of Sussex wrote to Secretary Cecil, that the Queen "wanted some furdre example of ye better sorte," and that METCALFE, Lambert, Claxton, and Conyers



ought to be executed". But finally none of them were executed, probably for the sake of "ye landes." The Bill of Attainder names "LEONARD METCALFE, late of Beare Park, Co. York, Esquire."

The "coat of armes" of these old Yorkshire METCALFS was everywhere, "Argent, three calves, passant sable," with different quarterings in different branches of the family.

Our emigrant ancestor, MICHAEL METCALFE, the Dornix or Embroidery Weaver, of Norwich, and the METCALFES of Norwich, Tatterford and vicinity, in Norfolk Co. were immediately descended from the METCALFS of Beare Park and Nappa Hall in North Yorkshire. The Yorkshire METCALFS, as far as known, were zealous Catholics; the Norfolk family were zealous Protestants, and MICHAEL, at least, a staunch Puritan. When LEONARD METCALF was attainted for high treason, and lost his large estates in Yorkshire (which it is hinted may have been one reason for his condemnation, his lands being wanted for some new court favorite), his family left Yorkshire and settled in Norfolk. Religion was then largely a matter of politics. It is supposed that LEONARD METCALF himself, perhaps as a condition of his pardon, gave up his Catholicism, and after the loss of his property, eventually took holy orders under the state church, and twenty years after was the first LEONARD METCALF, Rector of Tatterford near Norwich. But it is perhaps more probable that this first Rector METCALF of Tatterford was a son of LEONARD METCALF the quondam traitor.

The earliest records extant of the parish of Tatterford are copies in the registry of the Archdeaconry of Norfolk and commence about 1560. In 1580, et sequens, LEONARD METCALF was Rector of the parish of Tatterford. LEONARD METCALF was succeeded by RICHARD METCALF. In these records the name is spelled METCALF, METCALFE, METTCALF and METTCALFE. In 1585 is the early entry of baptism of "LEONARDUS METCALF, filius LEONARDI METCALF et bapt. fuit 3d die Septembris." Again "MICHAEL METCALF filius LEONARDI METCALF et bapt. fuit 17th die June 1587." Which confirms our records that MICHAEL METCALF, the Dornix Weaver, was bapt. at Tatterford, Norfolk Co., June 17, 1587. There is no clue to the name of LEONARD'S wife, the mother of MICHAEL.

MICHAEL METCALF'S wife, SARAH ELLWYN, was bapt. in our old records in this country say, "June 17, 1593, in the adjoining town of Waynham." The adjoining town is Raynham, with parishes East, West, and South Raynham. And there has been quite a controversy over the name. The registers of all have been searched for the record of SARAH ELLWYN'S birth and marriage. But further investigation has shown that SARAH ELLWYN was born in "Heigham", the daughter of THOMAS and ELISABETH ELLWYN. THOMAS ELLWYN was born in 1564 and died in 1648. SARAH ELLWYN was born in Heigham, June 17, 1593, and was married to MICHAEL METCALF, Oct. 13, 1616. Their seven oldest children were born and baptised in St. Benedict's, Norwich, Norfolk Co., and for the younger children at St. Edmondsbury.



